

REMARKS

Rejection Under the First Paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112

In view of the present amendment, the Applicant believes that the present rejection of claim 1 is moot. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections of claim 1 and put claim 1 in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is requested to contact the representative for the Applicants, to discuss any questions or for clarification. If there are any further fees associated with this response, the Director is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0962.

Respectfully submitted,

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